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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW., Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Access to Unbundled Network Elements, WC Docket No. 03-225

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing concerning the pending revision of the Unbundled Network Element rule..

I own a small payphone company and we must continue to have competitive alternative service for our local service needs.

Payphones do play a critical role in meeting the need of the public as the Commission has long recognized, especially in emergencies and disasters such as 9/11. Payphones are the only telephones many citizens can use.

Through the past years , the bottom line for my company has decreased and is still decreasing. The local phone bill is my single largest monthly cost of operating my phones. To keep service quality high and costs low, and to even keep the payphone in service we rely on the availability of competitive telephone companies for local service.

Without UNE-P, we will have to pull more of the valuable payphone service that is needed and relied on today particularly in low income and economically distressed areas. These citizens cannot afford home phone lines or expensive cell phones. .

Therefore, I urge you to take steps to ensure that the FCC's revised UNE rules preserve competitive local service alternatives for payphones.

Sincerely,


Lane and Anita Donaldson

Cc: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Representative Chet Edwards

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